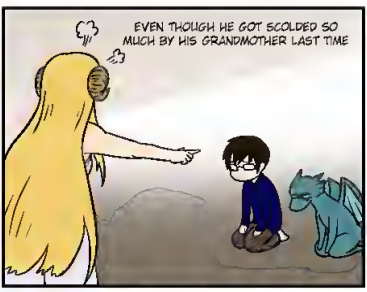
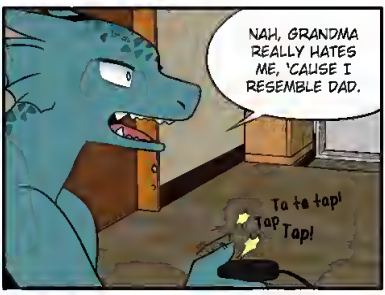
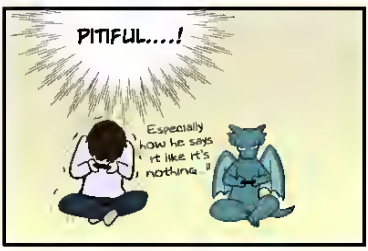


(Somehow ended up getting scolded together)

YOU KNOW, MR. DRAGON, WHEN YOU WERE BEING SCOLDED BY YOUR GRANDMOTHER LAST TIME... IT SEEMED LIKE SHE WAS SCOLDING YOU MORE BECAUSE SHE DISLIKED YOU, NOT FOR ANYTHING YOU DID. AM I WRONG?
Ta-tap Ta-tap




PITIFUL....!
Especially how he says it like it's nothing...

WELL, OF COURSE A SON WOULD RESEMBLE HIS FATHER!
WHAT WAS YOUR FATHER EVEN LIKE..
I've always been kesitant to ask about him

WELL HE DIDN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING WRONG.. HIS MIND WAS JUST WEAK LIKE TOFU
Mum had to go through a lot.

The Dragon Next Door (TDND)

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51#. A relatively serious story

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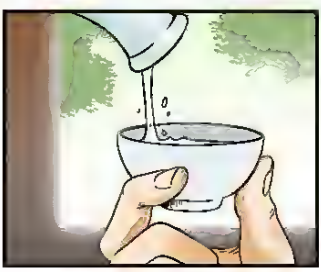

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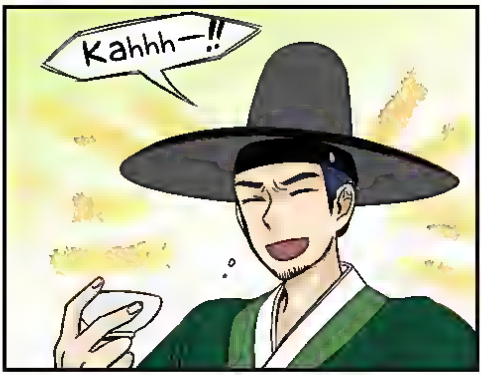

Kahhh—!!

DO YOU LIKE THE WINE?

YES, IT'S DELICIOUS! THE ABSOLUTE BEST OUT OF ALL I'VE TRIED RECENTLY!
OHO, THAT'S A RELIEF!

IT'S WINE FROM THE MING DYNASTY, MADE FROM A VERY PRECIOUS GRAIN
EVEN STORING IT CORRECTLY IS DIFFICULT, SO IT WAS QUITE A CHALLENGE FOR ME!
AND YOU ARE SAYING THAT YOU WOULD GIVE WINE AS RARE AS THIS TO ME AS A GIFT?
ACTUALLY, IT'S NOT FREE. I WILL ALWAYS HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK OF YOU IN THESE SITUATIONS, SO DO KEEP THAT IN MIND
HMPH, I TEND TO DECLINE MOST REQUESTS
YOU SAID IT TASTED GOOD, RIGHT?
WELL, YES, I DID.

YES, WINE. THE REASON WE MET IN THE FIRST PLACE
IT'S ALREADY BEEN 20 YEARS SINCE THEN

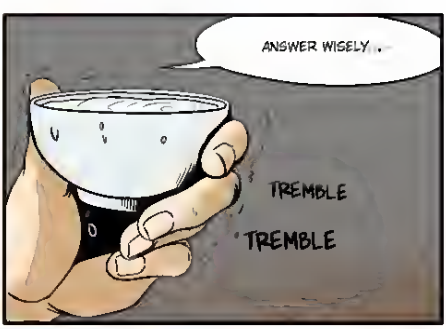
AND EVEN AFTER ALL THIS TIME, YOU'VE HARDLY AGED AT ALL.
I... IS THAT SO...

A SPARSE BEARD AND A FACE FREE OF WRINKLES
HAIR WITH A TINGE OF DEEP OCEAN BLUE.... YOU HAVE NEVER CEASED TO FASCINATE ME EVER SINCE OUR FIRST MEETING.

I WANT TO BE ABLE TO DRINK WITH YOU AS A FRIEND... UNTIL THE END OF MY LIFE.

AND SO, I WILL ASK ON A DIFFERENT NOTE
MY FRIEND, ARE YOU A HUMAN?

ARE YOU A HUMAN, OR SOMETHING ELSE?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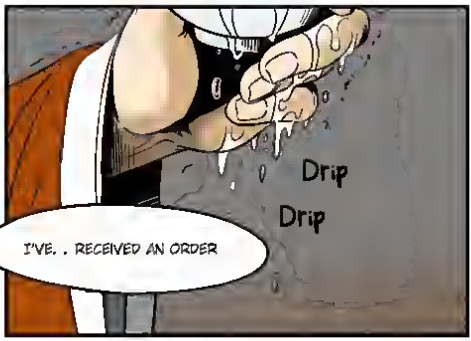
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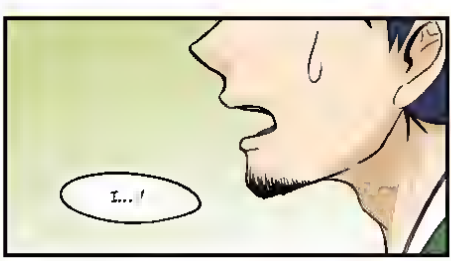
I'VE. . RECEIVED AN ORDER

DEPENDING ON YOUR ANSWER, I MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE TO GO SEARCH THROUGH YOUR HOUSE RIGHT NOW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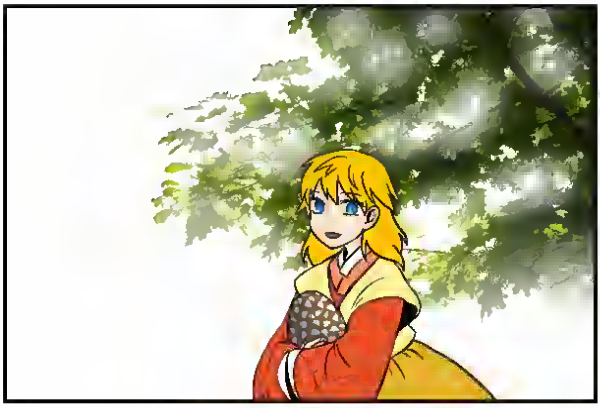
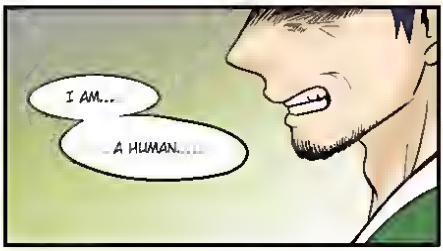


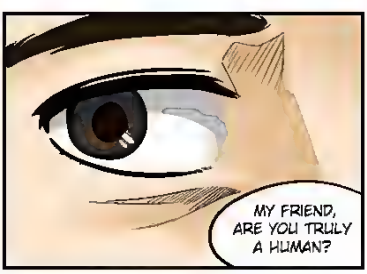

I AM...
...A HUMAN...!!

...IS THAT SO?

I SEE!

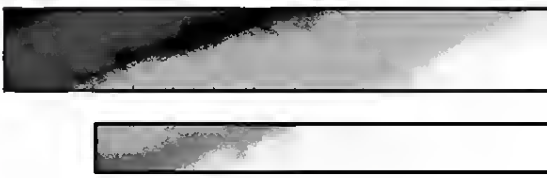
PLEASE EXCUSE ME, BUT I THINK I WILL LEAVE NOW.

THEN, I WILL ASK AS YOUR FRIEND


MY FRIEND, ARE YOU TRULY A HUMAN?

I AM A HUMAN

LATER ON, FATHER SAID THAT THE MOMENT HE REGRETS MOST IN HIS LIFE WAS WHEN HE ANSWERED THE SECOND QUESTION.



HONEY, START PACKING! QUICKLY!!

AH... HUH? WHAT...
...WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ALL OF A SUDDEN..?

THERE'S NO TIME! WE HAVE TO LEAVE RIGHT NOW, AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE!
B...BUT SOON THE EGG WILL...!

SORRY, MY DEAR...
I'M SORRY...

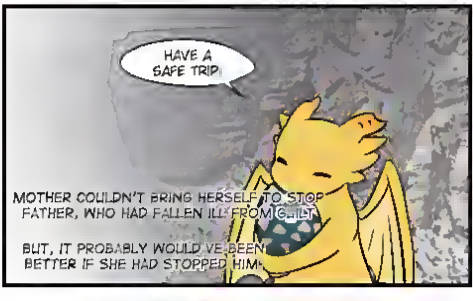
FOR DAYS, THE TWO FLEW AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THEY EVENTUALLY ARRIVED AT A DISTANT ISLAND AMIDST THE OCEAN

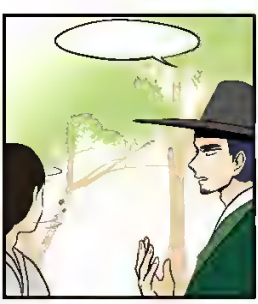
AFTER THAT, MY SISTER HATCHED, AND MOTHER LAID MY EGG ON THAT ISLAND.

NOT LONG AFTER ARRIVING AT THE ISLAND, THE GUILT FROM ABANDONING HIS FRIEND STARTED EATING AWAY AT FATHER, CAUSING HIM TO FALL ILL.

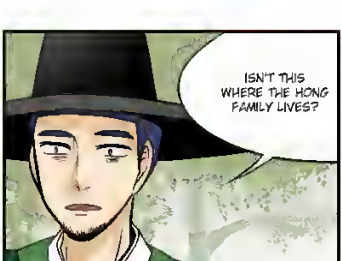
AND THEN, NOT EVEN 5 YEARS AFTER THEY HAD FLED,

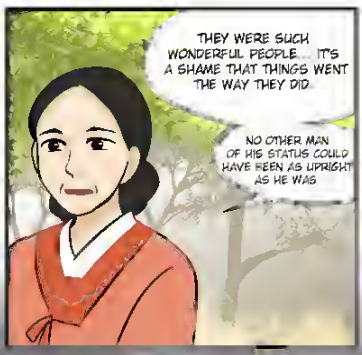
FATHER SMILED AWKWARDLY, AND SAID THAT HE'D JUST TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT HOW HIS FRIEND WAS DOING BEFORE COMING BACK


HAVE A SAFE TRIP!
MOTHER COULDN'T BRING HERSELF TO STOP FATHER, WHO HAD FALLEN ILL FROM GUILT.
BUT, IT PROBABLY WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF SHE HAD STOPPED HIM.



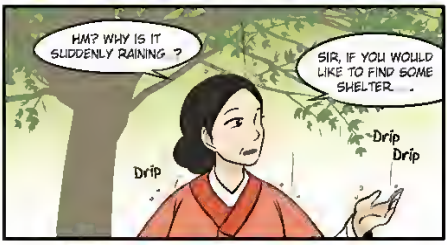
YOU THERE. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING


ISN'T THIS WHERE THE HONG FAMILY LIVES?


THEY WERE SUCH WONDERFUL PEOPLE... IT'S A SHAME THAT THINGS WENT THE WAY THEY DID.
NO OTHER MAN OF HIS STATUS COULD HAVE BEEN AS UPRIGHT AS HE WAS

EVEN IF THEY JUST WANTED TO WIPE OUT THE JEONG FAMILY'S PAWNS, ISN'T IT TOO MUCH? TO ORDER HIM TO BRING BACK A DRAGON...
THE KING ORDERED HIM TO BRING BACK A DRAGON, AS RIDICULOUS AS IT SOUNDS. WELL, I GUESS THEY JUST NEEDED AN EXCUSE.
THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD GOT WIPED OUT.
HOW TERRIBLE...
WHEN THE COUNTRY'S LEADER CHANGES, I GUESS THE UNDERLINGS HAVE TO CHANGE AS WELL. THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT.
APPARENTLY, THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE PROPER GRAVES, SINCE THEY WERE ALL BEHEADED....

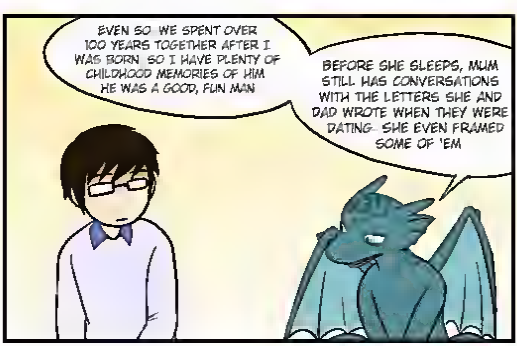
T/N Back in the day, families would try to eliminate each other for personal gain. The Joseon Dynasty (1392 - 1897) had just begun, and the new king wanted the Jeong family wiped out.

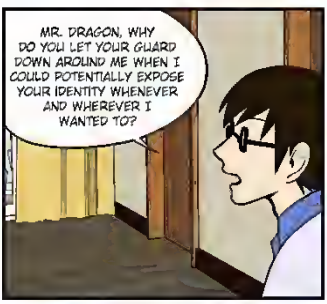


IF HE HAD ANSWERED DIFFERENTLY THE SECOND TIME, PERHAPS THEY WOULD HAVE LIVED

IF HE HAD STAYED INSTEAD OF FLEEING THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A WAY TO SAVE THEIR LIVES...

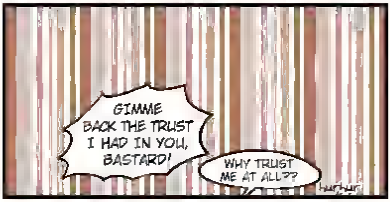
WELL, THOUGHTS LIKE THAT JUST MADE HIM TERRIBLY SICK AGAIN...
After that, his condition was mediocre until he passed away.


EVEN SO, WE SPENT OVER 100 YEARS TOGETHER AFTER I WAS BORN, SO I HAVE PLENTY OF CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF HIM. HE WAS A GOOD, FUN MAN.
BEFORE SHE SLEEPS, MUM STILL HAS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE LETTERS SHE AND DAD WROTE WHEN THEY WERE DATING. SHE EVEN FRAMED SOME OF 'EM.


MR. DRAGON, WHY DO YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN AROUND ME WHEN I COULD POTENTIALLY EXPOSE YOUR IDENTITY WHENEVER AND WHEREVER I WANTED TO?

YOU KNOW, I FAVORITED THE VIEWER FORUM PAGE FOR THE TV SHOW 'CAPTURE THE MOMENT: HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?'
WHUT?!
BE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON

T/N *Capture The Moment: How Is That Possible?* is a well known TV show in Korea that investigates unbelievable incidents reported by people



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